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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION****TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of April 18, 2022, through April 24, 2022.

Monday

04/18/2022

(1) DUTY STEWARD

James Dreyer will be in the office this week to handle morning chores and will record the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) COMPLAINT #22LA0050

After speaking with trainer Nunez, this complaint was continued to allow us to research it a bit further. Mr. Nunez claimed the owner entered the horse and he was unaware of it.

(3) RULING #53**Ruling # 53**

TRAINER JOSE HERNANDEZ, SR. IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1878 (b)(1) (WORKOUTS – HORSE NOT EXAMINED BY ATTENDING VETERINARIAN WITHIN 72 HOURS OF WORKOUT).

The above ruling was issued after trainer Hernandez Sr. accepted full responsibility for the incident and assured us he would be more diligent in the future.

Wednesday

04/20/2022

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was used open. 2 Cal-Breds.

(2) THE DRAW

A reasonably good day – saw seventy four horses pass through the entry box to make up our two Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse races.

Thursday
04/21/2022

(1) SCRATCHES

One equipment change completed Saturday's program adjustments.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was off with two.

(3) THE DRAW

Highlighting Sunday's program will be the Robert Adair Kindergarten Futurity Trials.

Friday
04/22/2022

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time resulted in one declaration and one rider change.

Saturday
04/23/2022

(1) FILMS

Jockey Ricardo Ramirez was in for the second time in as many weeks to address the same problem. When he is racing on the outside, he drops in entering the far turn without giving the horses inside of him adequate clearance. He was told that if things don't improve, our warnings will become sanctions.

(2) COMPLAINT #22LA0050 (refer- 4-18-22 #2)

After delving a bit further into this situation, trainer Nunez was relieved of any responsibility. The owner had entered the horse and was unaware he had been medicated.

(3) OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the third race, Jockey Edward Rojas on #3 Island Life (5th) claimed a foul on #4 Swirling (2nd - R. Ramirez) near the 3/16 pole. After reviewing the incident the Stewards felt that although Swirling did drop in slightly, the outcome of the race was not compromised and no change was warranted.

(4) CLAIM VOIDED

The second race claim of Unusual Mischief by trainer Sergio Morfin was voided after Dr. Beck placed the gelding on the vet's list as unsound. He was returned to trainer Angela Aquino.

(5) PLACING PROBLEMS

When placing judge Tyler Hart arrived for work this evening, racing secretary Scott Craigmyle noticed that he was acting strangely. When he attempted to question him, Mr. Hart completely ignored him and proceeded to go directly upstairs to the placing stand. At that point, Mr. Craigmyle called the placing stand and asked placing judge Jordan Castaneda to see what he thought. Mr. Castaneda told Mr. Craigmyle he definitely appeared impaired. Security was contacted and he was escorted to their office and he was asked to submit to a test which he refused to do. He then left the property. Later that evening, he returned and said he would allow them to test him. He was sent to a lab and as of this writing we have received no word as to the results of the tests.

With regard to filling the placing position, Mr. Hart was scheduled to leave for Ruidoso in early May and fortunately his replacement was here to school last evening. The Stewards invoked California Horse Racing Board Rule #1531 (Vacancy Among Racing Officials) and the position was covered for the weekend.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

1 st Race	#6 Water's For Fightn (C. Treece) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$194.70
	#2 Autism Ability (J. Nunez) – Flipped in Paddock – Stewards. Refund \$4,082.11
2 nd Race	#1 Medina Man (E. Alvarez) – Sick - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$36.11
	#4 North Cross (J. Uranga) – Panel – Stewards. Refund \$144.45
3 rd Race	#5 Red Livy (IRE) (S. Naranjo) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$203.06
5 th Race	#1 Uncle Wilbur (L. Ruiz) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$245.10
	#5 Heaven Can Wait (C. Perkinson) – Ineligible – Stewards. Refund \$91.26

6th Race #5 Cojo (A. Farias) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$231.60
 8th Race #5 High Yo Silver (L. Diaz) – Unsound - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$75.86
 10th Race #1 Up Yonder (J. Glenn, Jr.) – Flipped behind gate – Stewards. Refund \$6,319.29

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	793	\$115,769.90
Off track	1,128	\$311,497.80
Out of state	N/A	\$1,080,209.65
Total	1,921	\$1,507,477.35

Sunday
 04/24/2022

(1) RULING #54

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JOCKEY RICARDO RAMIREZ, WHO RODE SWIRLING IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 23, 2022, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MAY 1ST, 7TH, AND 8TH, 2022) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Ramirez failed to give sufficient room to a horse racing inside of him. This was the third time in two weeks this has occurred.

(2) INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the seventh race to review an incredibly horrible start. #5 Mr Secret Cartel (5th- R. Lozano) broke in crossing in front of both #4 Budder Off Friends (8th – R. Aceves) and #3 J El Intocable (7th – O. Peinado). Both were off slowly prompting us to make no change. In another unrelated incident, #2 Mad Boy (4th – J. Ayala) broke in causing #1 Warring the Way (6th – R. Sanchez) to steady. It was the same scenario with Warring the Way breaking slowly. Again, no change was made.

(3) INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

Following the tenth trial, the Stewards posted the inquiry to review the start. #5 J Best Queen (5th – E. Gasca) broke in so sharply, that even with the commendable effort that Jockey Gasca made, J Best Queen eliminated #4 A Rev (8th – A. Zepeda) and #3 Frivolous (7th – H. Lopez) from the race in a matter of two strides. The decision was very easy to vote unanimously to disqualify her.

Original Order 6-7-2-1-(5)-8-3-4
 Official Order 6-7-2-1-8-3-4-(5)

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #8 Maggies Magic (A. Aquino) – Needs Work – Stewards. Refund \$215.90
 9th Race #6 Cheers Corona (V. Zamudio) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$110.36

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	748	\$113,714.20
Off track	1,236	\$221,853.50
Out of state	N/A	\$1,270,898.38
Total	1,984	\$1,606,466.08

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on April 24, 2022. There was one equine death reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period, 12 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 4 for injury, and 3 for sickness. Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 04/23	Sun 04/24	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	0
Claims	R			2	0	2	64
Disqualifications	K			0	1	1	6
Inquiries		D		1	2	3	17
Refunds		A		10	2	12	155
Rulings		Y		1	1	2	54
Voided Claims		S		1	0	1	13

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards James Dreyer, Tom Ward, Rich Williams, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

James Dreyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Rich Williams, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward